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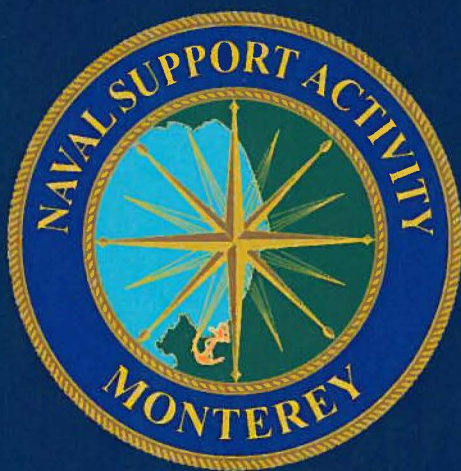


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Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony



4 April 2014

Barbara McNitt Ballroom

THE HISTORIC DEL MONTE HOTEL

MONTEREY, CA



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NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY MONTEREY CHANGE OF COMMAND AND RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Welcome Aboard

Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Monterey extends a cordial "Welcome Aboard" to our guests and friends. Today marks the first change of command since the base was established on 30 September 2010. We are pleased that you can join us today in sharing this important event in our command's history.

As a part of today's ceremony Captain Gerral David will retire from active duty. Please join him and Anne in the Trident Room following the ceremony for the reception.



Schedule of Events

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY*

PARADE THE COLORS*

NPS Color Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM*

Del Monte Brass

INVOCATION*

Lieutenant Commander William S. Riley, CHC, USN

WELCOME

Captain Gerral David, USN

Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Monterey

REMARKS

*Admiral Harry Harris, USN
Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet*

PRESENTATION OF AWARD*

*Admiral Harry Harris, USN
Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet*

REMARKS

*Captain Gerral David, USN
Commanding Officer, NSA Monterey*

READING OF ORDERS*

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Captain Timothy Faller, USN

REMARKS

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Commanding Officer, NSA Monterey*

BENEDICTION*

Lieutenant Commander Philip King, USN

CAPTAIN DAVID GOES ASHORE*



**Guests please rise for these events*

Admiral Harry Harris, Jr., USN

Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Admiral Harris was born in Japan and reared in Tennessee and Florida. Following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978 and designation as a naval flight officer, he was assigned to VP-44. His subsequent operational tours include tactical action officer aboard *USS Saratoga*; operations officer in VP-4 at Barbers Point, HI; three tours with Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1 at Kami Seya, Japan; Director of Operations for U.S. 5th Fleet at Manama, Bahrain; and Director of Operations for U.S. Southern Command.

Harris commanded VP-46, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 1, Joint Task Force-Guantanamo, the U.S. 6th Fleet, and Striking and Support Forces NATO.

Harris has served in every geographic combatant command region, and participated in the following major operations: S.S. Achille Lauro terrorist hijacking incident, Attain Document III (Libya, 1986), Earnest Will (Kuwaiti reflagged tanker ops, 1987-88), Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Willing Spirit (Colombia hostage rescue, 2006-2007), and Odyssey Dawn (Libya, 2011). For Odyssey Dawn, he served as the Joint Force Maritime Component Commander afloat.

Harris' graduate education focused on East Asia security. He attended Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, and Oxford University. He was a MIT Seminar 21 fellow.

Harris' staff assignments include aide to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan; chief speechwriter for the Chairman of the JCS; and three tours on the Navy Staff, including as an action officer in the Strategic Concepts Branch, director for the current operations and anti-terrorism/force protection division, and Deputy CNO for Communication Networks (OPNAV N6).

In October 2011, he was assigned as the Assistant to the Chairman of the JCS where he served as the Chairman's direct representative to

the Secretary of State and as the U.S. roadmap monitor for the Mid-East Peace Process.

Harris was promoted to Admiral and assumed command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet in October 2013.

Harris has logged 4,400 flight hours, including more than 400 combat hours, in maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft. His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (2 awards), Defense Superior Service Medal (3 awards), Legion of Merit (3 awards), the Bronze Star (2 awards), the Air Medal (1 strike/flight), and the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award. He is a recipient of the Navy League's Stephen Decatur and the Who's Who in Asian American Communities' Spirit awards.



Captain Christopher Plummer, USN

Chief of Staff, Navy Region Southwest

The son of a career U.S. Army Officer, CAPT Plummer grew-up in the Middle East and Virginia. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1985 and earned his naval officer's commission through Aviation Officer Candidate School, NAS Pensacola, FL in 1986.

He was designated a Naval Aviator at NAS Corpus Christie, TX in 1988 and reported to the E-2C/ C-2A Fleet Replacement Squadron at NAS Miramar, CA. Upon completion, he reported to his first operational flying assignment with VRC-50 at NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines, as a C-2A Greyhound pilot. While there, he participated in Operation Desert Shield, onboard *USS Independence* and Operation Desert Storm as Officer in Charge of a C-2A detachment embarked in *USS Ranger*. At the completion of this assignment in 1992, he returned to NAS Miramar, CA as a Fleet Replacement Squadron Instructor Pilot, where he transitioned to the E-2C Hawkeye. He subsequently reported to the VAW-117 Wallbangers in 1994 and deployed onboard *USS Abraham Lincoln* as the squadron's Safety Officer.

After completing the first of what would be several tours with the Wallbangers, CAPT Plummer reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Arlington, VA in 1996 as the E-2/C-2 Junior Officer Detailer. He returned to NAS Miramar and VAW-117 in 1998 as the squadron Maintenance Officer, deploying on board *USS Carl Vinson*. Under his leadership, the Wallbangers were nominated by the Chief of Naval Operations for the 1998 Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award. CAPT Plummer then departed in 2000 for the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI, where he earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Returning for a third time, CAPT Plummer led the Wallbangers as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer from Sept. 2001-March 2004. During this period, VAW-117 deployed in Operation Enduring Freedom aboard the *Vinson* and Operation Iraqi Freedom aboard *USS*

Nimitz. The Wallbangers earned both the Battle "E" and Safety "S" for 2003.

Departing VAW-117 for the final time, CAPT Plummer joined the Defense Security Cooperation Agency in Arlington, VA as Country Program Director for Australia, New Zealand, Oceania, Mongolia and Nepal, where he was responsible for security assistance programs and later assumed duties as Executive Assistant. In 2006, CAPT Plummer reported to the Chief of Naval Operation Executive Panel as Deputy Director, charged with directing studies of maritime importance on behalf of the Navy Service Chief's Federal Advisory Committee.

In April 2010, CAPT Plummer assumed command of Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida — the Cradle of Naval Aviation. He led the installation through three Blue Angel Air Shows, the 2010 Gulf Oil Spill and Hurricane Isaac in 2012. He reported to Navy Region Southwest as the Chief of Staff in April 2013.

CAPT Plummer's personal awards include the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), the Air Medal (2 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards, including one with the Combat Distinguishing Device/Combat "V"), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards). He has accumulated 4,977 flight hours and 508 carrier landings.



Captain Gerral K. David, USN

Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Monterey

Captain David became the Commanding Officer of Naval Support Activity Monterey on 30 Sept. 2010. His team provides high quality base operations support to enable the tenant commands to accomplish their missions while enhancing quality of life programs and being a civic partner to the local community. They won the FY12 SECNAV Cultural Resources Management Award, FY12 CNO Sustainability Award, FY13 Natural Resources Conservation Team Award and FY13 Small Installation of the Year for Navy Region Southwest.

A native of Conroe, TX, Captain David earned a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1984 and a Master of Arts with Distinction in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2000.

After earning Naval Flight Officer wings, he joined the Patrol Squadron 24 'Batman' at NAS Jacksonville, FL. He completed two deployments to Sigonella, Sicily and one to Bermuda as well as numerous Special Project detachments throughout the Atlantic Fleet. His first shore tour was at Navy Recruiting District, Houston as the Enlisted Programs Officer.

In 1992, he reported aboard *USS Kitty Hawk* (CV-63) based at NAS North Island, CA. He served as the Assistant Strike Operations Officer during support for Somalia during Operation Restore Hope and air strikes into Iraq as part of Operation Southern Watch.

After a tour assigned to Commander, Patrol Wing TEN at NAS Whidbey Island, WA, he reported to Patrol Squadron 46 in 1995 while the 'Grey Knights' were deployed to Diego Garcia. He served as the Officer in Charge of the Kadena detachment during a deployment to Misawa, Japan before completing his tour as the Operations Officer. In 1997, he assumed duties as the Flag Secretary for the Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

Captain David reported to Kaneohe Bay, HI after the Navy War College and assumed command of Patrol Squadron 47 in May

2002. Under his command, the 'Golden Swordsmen' received the CNO Safety Award, Isbell Award for Air ASW Excellence, COMPACFLT Retention Excellence Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals as well as the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation while participating in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.



He served as the Maritime Readiness Section Head and the Deputy Force Requirements Officer for Commander, Naval Air Forces at NAS North Island before taking command of NAS Whidbey Island in July 2007. During his command tour, Team Whidbey was recognized as the best Naval Air Station in the Navy for three years in a row, received the DOD Pollution Prevention Award and a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Captain David's awards include the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and numerous unit, service and campaign awards.

Captain Timothy Faller

United States Navy

Captain Faller graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor's degree in Finance, received his commission through Aviation Officer Candidate School and was designated a Naval Aviator in May 1989.

Following initial training in the MH-53E, Captain Faller reported to Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron Fourteen (HM-14) in January of 1990, where he served in various billets and qualified as an Airborne Mine Countermeasures Mission Commander and Functional Test Pilot in the MH-53E. During this assignment he deployed on *USS Tripoli* (LPH-10) and participated in Desert Shield and Storm.

In June 1996, Captain Faller reported aboard *USS Ponce* (LPD-15) immediately deployed to the coastal waters of Liberia for Operation Assured Response and qualified as Officer of the Deck Underway.

Upon completion of MH-53E refresher training, Captain Faller reported to the combined C/MH-53E Navy and Marine Corps consolidated fleet replacement squadron, Marine Helicopter Training Squadron Three Zero Two (HMT-302), where he served as the Officer in Charge of the Navy Detachment.

From November 2001–June 2004, Captain Faller served as Air Combat Placement Officer at Navy Personnel Command, Millington, TN and then attended the Naval War College in Newport, RI where he earned a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

In January 2005, Captain Faller returned to HM-14 as the Executive Officer and assumed command of HM-14 in February 2006. During this period, he was responsible for AMCM squadron readiness, MH-53E Fleet Replacement Training and active duty and selective reserve training.

Following his command tour, Captain Faller was assigned to

United States Joint Forces Command where he trained Joint Task Force headquarters in joint operations as a member of the Deployable Training Team.

Captain Faller's most recent assignment was as Deputy and Chief of Staff for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan/Navy Region Japan from 2010-2014. His awards include, the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (six awards) the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), Combat Action Ribbon and various other campaign and unit commendations.





Navy Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky,
Be with them always in the air,
In dark'ning storms or sunlight fair.
O hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air.

